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Drinking-water supply

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The hon. Member Sri T. S. Ramaswami has now come and he wants that his question No. 2068 be taken up now. With the permission of the House I shall now take up that question.

* 2068 *Q.*—SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the year during which water-supply works (pipe line and taps) to Suchindram in Kanyakumari district was completed;

(*b*) the amount of contribution given by the Public for laying pipes and installation of street taps;

(*c*) whether water-supply has been given to the whole village during festival times and if so, how long; and

(*d*) whether water-supply has been given during ordinary times; if so, from when and if not, why not?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (*a*) All the works, viz., laying of pipe line and providing taps in public fountains were completed in October 1960.

(*b*) The Suchindram Panchayat has paid a sum of Rs. 10,000 as a contribution towards this work.

(*c*) During festival periods, water-supply has been given continuously for ten days for the whole village.

(*d*) Regular water-supply has not been given during ordinary times because the Suchindram Panchayat has not come to a settlement with the Nagercoil Municipality on the water charges to be paid.

SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI : Having laid the pipes and fittings they are all lying idle for the last four or five years. May I know whether the Government will pull up either the Panchayat or the officers concerned who have unnecessarily delayed the whole thing because this is bringing the Government into disrepute?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : There is no need for pulling up from here. The Suchindram Panchayat should come to certain agreement with Nagercoil Municipality. The Nagercoil Municipality is also in great arrears to Government. They want to collect their share of contribution. They are charging one rupee for one thousand gallons of water-supply. The Suchindram Panchayat say this is too much. It is between the Nagercoil Municipality and Suchindram Panchayat. I think the hon. Member can use his good offices.

SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI : May I know whether attention of Government was drawn to the fact that tentative agreement was arrived at between the Suchindram Panchayat and Nagercoil Municipality on these rates. They are prepared to give the rates and arrears provided orders are passed for giving water-supply. I understand that the papers are now delayed in the Secretariat.

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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : If it is pending here I will look into it. My information is, there is tussle between Suchindram Panchayat and Nagercoil Municipality.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : In the absence of agreement between Suchindram Panchayat and Nagercoil Municipality and in view of the fact that the dispute has not yet been solved, what alternative procedure has been adopted by any agency like the Government or Public Health Department to provide drinking-water facilities for the large number of tourists and pilgrims that visit the famous temple in Suchindram?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : The difficulty is that Nagercoil Municipality has to pay much money to Government and Government is demanding money. In turn Nagercoil Municipality is asking Suchindram Panchayat for the money due from them. But they (Suchindram Panchayat) don't pay. It is like that. How can Government interfere and do anything?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : We shall now take up Question No. 2059.

Fertilizers

* 2059. *Q.*—SRI S. M. ANNAMALAI : கனம் உள்துறை அமைச்சர் தயவுசெய்து கீழ்க்கண்ட கேள்விகளுக்குப் பதிலளிப்பாரா—

(அ) வடாற்காடு மாவட்டம், போளூர் தாலூக்கா, களம்பூர் போலீஸ் ஸ்டேஷனில் 1961 ஆகஸ்ட் மாதத்தில் கள்ளத்தனமாக இரசாயன உரம் ஏற்றிச் சென்ற லாரியைக் கைப்பற்றினர்களா ?

(இ) அப்படியானல், எத்தனை மூட்டைகள் கைப்பற்றப்பட்டன ?

(உ) அவைகள் எங்கிருந்து கொண்டுவரப்பட்டன ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) Yes, Sir. The lorry was seized on 5th August 1961, by officers of the Customs Department and handed over to the Police at Kalambur Police station.

(*b*) Eighty bags.

(*c*) The accused are reported to have stated that the contraband was brought from Bavandavadi village in Chengam taluk

SRI S. M. ANNAMALAI : இதைக் குறித்து சார்ஜ்-ஷீட் போட்டாய்விட்டதா, வழக்கு தொடர்ந்தாய் விட்டதா என்று சொல்ல முடியுமா ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : சார்ஜ்-ஷீட் போட்டாய் விட்டது. மாஜிஸ்டிரேட் 'பெயிலில்' விட்டிருக்கிருர். லாரியையும் ரிலீஸ் பண்ணியாகிவிட்டது. மேலும் பரிசீலனை நடந்துகொண்டிருக்கிறது. பரிசீலனை முடிந்ததும், கேஸ் தொடர்ந்து நடைபெறும்.